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Mikoyan Charges U.S., Britain Provoke New World Tensions

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MOSCOW, Sept. 18—Russian President Anastas Mikoyan chose a friendship rally for an unexpected and vehement attack on the United States and Britain today. He said "new dangerous signs of tension" had appeared in the world in recent months.

His attack came three days after Premier Khrushchev disclosed the existence of a "terrible weapon," since downgraded in explanations.

Mikoyan made his statements at a friendship rally in honor of visiting Indian President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

He said the United States was guilty of "criminal aggressive acts" against North Viet-Nam, and he condemned Britain for setting up a "detestable place d'armes in Malaysia." He said Malaysia "constitutes a threat to the security of the Indonesian people."

Vehemence Surprising

Western observers were surprised by the vehemence of the attack.

He attacked the West for its actions in Cyprus and the Congo, and accused Western leaders of hindering a disarmament agreement. He

warned that those who interfered with Cuba's freedom might run the risk of military conflict.

New Khrushchev comments were reported that amplified his super weapon announcement. Tonight he was quoted as saying Russia's mysterious "terrible weapon" is neither new nor a bomb of any kind.

His latest remarks were reported by Indian journalists who interviewed him at a Kremlin reception.

Denies Bomb Discussed

The Soviet leader first talked about the mystery weapon to a Japanese parliamentary delegation Tuesday. Last night, he denied saying the weapon had unlimited power.

Tonight, Indian reporters quoted him as saying:

"I have not been talking about bombs with the Japanese. It was not about new weapons that I was talking. It was a general talk about weapons, for infantry, rockets, tanks—not bombs."

The Indian correspondents said they were not clear whether Khrushchev meant the "terrible weapon" was a tactical weapon, such as a rocket.

Western reporters who were present at the reception

were prevented by guard from joining the group around the Russian leader.

On Russia's \$55-million debt to the United Nations for peacekeeping operations, the Indian reporters said Khrushchev emphasized that Russia had no intention of paying, nor would it withdraw from the world organization.

The reporters said Khrushchev also told them Russian was neither insisting on attending the next Afro-Asian "Bandung" conference next year, nor "are we imposing our presence." But he said Russian presence would be useful to the Afro-Asians.

Russian participation in the conference has been bitterly opposed by Communist China, and a Soviet government statement last month appeared to indicate Russia was no longer pressing for an invitation.

Arab Rustler Slain

Reuters

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18—Israeli frontier police shot and killed one of two Arab cattle rustlers and the cow they had stolen from the Israeli village of Shaar Ephraim in a midnight encounter near the Jordanian border, a spokesman said here.